



## EAST SAC COUNTY CSD – HOME OF THE RAIDERS



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# WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN THERE'S A COVID-19 CASE AT SCHOOL

## The East Sac County Community School District WILL:

- ✓ Work directly with Sac County Public Health to conduct contact tracing to identify potential exposure at school
- ✓ Notify families of students who were in close contact (defined as being within six feet for more than 15 minutes) of the person testing positive
- ✓ Conduct extra cleaning of the areas where the person who tested positive spent time
- ✓ Continue to provide education to students quarantined at home
- ✓ Work with families to monitor the symptoms of students who are sent home ill or exposed
- ✓ Protect student's and families' privacy maintaining the confidentiality of those who test positive or are asked to quarantine to essential personnel only

## The East Sac County Community School District WILL NOT:

- ✓ Provide personally identifiable information of those who test positive or who are in quarantine
- ✓ Immediately change learning models due to a single positive case
- ✓ Allow an individual with a positive case to return to school before we are confident it is safe to do so.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Who will be asked to quarantine due to a COVID-19 exposure? When can they return to school?

- ✓ When a positive COVID-19 test is confirmed, East Sac County will work in partnership with Sac County Public Health to conduct contact tracing and notify individuals/families of possible exposure to be placed on a 14-day quarantine. Students determined to be exposed will be required to be quarantined for the full 14 days from the last known exposure.
- ✓ School staff may be considered critical infrastructure workers. Ideally, staff identified as close contacts of COVID-19 exposed persons should quarantine at home for 14 days AFTER their last exposure. However, if staff shortages, schools could choose to allow exposed staff to continue working. Close contact of a confirmed positive case, but staff member is asymptomatic: take their temperature, screen for symptoms, wear a mask, if become symptomatic isolate IMMEDIATELY.
- ✓ Contacts of exposed contacts do not have to quarantine.

How will quarantined students continue their learning?

- ✓ Students placed in quarantine should take their computer device home. Continuous learning will be provided to all students through their regular classroom teachers while they are quarantined. Students with IEPs may be given additional learning opportunities based on their individual needs. After notification of the need to quarantine, students/parents should watch for communication regarding remote learning.

How will rumors and privacy be addressed?

- ✓ You may hear from your child about a student or staff member who is absent from school. Please understand that this does not mean that they have COVID-19 or that they have been exposed. Please visit with your child about respecting people's privacy in regard to health related information and don't assume all illness or absences are diagnosed of Coronavirus.

What's the story about face coverings?

- ✓ The district strongly encourages the use of face coverings by all students and staff. Face coverings are being required in the lunch line to prevent the contamination of food being served. As positive cases are being observed by the district, the use of face coverings in other areas is being explored. While the use of face coverings does NOT prevent contact tracing, it is a tool to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Has the district discussed using a Hybrid Model?

- ✓ The district has a Hybrid Model to use if necessary. The use of a Hybrid Model will be considered to improve social distancing for a building. The district realizes this would create a hardship for families and only consider this option if conditions require further precautions.

What can I do as a parent to help with communication?

- ✓ As students and staff may need to quarantine through contact tracing or testing positive for COVID-19, please visit with your children they may have to be sent home during the day if communication is received from public health as a precautionary measure.

What can I do as staff member?

- ✓ Stay home if you are experiencing one high risk symptom or 2 or more low risk symptoms.

All Iowa schools serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students are asked to report to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) student absenteeism due to illness on any day when 10% or more of the total students expected to attend in-person learning is absent due to illness. IDPH has updated the 2020-21 10% illness reporting tool to include COVID-19 illness-related questions.

Total number of students absent due to illness of any kind and who were expected to attend school today for in person learning:

DO COUNT • Students expected to attend in-person classes who are absent today due to reported illness of any kind • Students expected to attend in-person classes who are absent today because they are in isolation due to a positive COVID-19 result and/or COVID-19 symptoms

DO NOT COUNT • students absent for reasons not related to illness (e.g., vacation) • students who are quarantined at home (not currently ill or positive for COVID-19) due to an exposure to COVID-19 • students attending schools online as expected for the day  
DO COUNT • The number of students reported absent due to illness and isolation in the last question, PLUS • Students attending in-person classes today  
DO NOT COUNT • students absent for reasons not related to illness (e.g., vacation, quarantine, schedule to attend online)

ESC DISTRICT DATA OF CONFIRMED POSITIVE ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES AND QUARANTINES  
(Approximately 935 Students/Staff)  
September 17, 2020

Number students/staff currently testing positive active of total number of 935 students/staff (estimated): Less than 6 (When numbers exceed 6, districts are able to provide an exact number under new guidance received on September 16 for students. I have chosen to combine students/staff together in an effort to protect individual identities.)

Students/staff currently isolating/quarantining of total number of 935 students/staff (estimated): 57

Percentage of Active Students and Staff Currently Who Tested Positive Compared to Estimated Total Student/Staff Population: .5%

Percentage of Students and Staff Quarantined Compared to Estimated Total Student/Staff Population: 6%

11.4% - Current Sac County Positivity Rate September 17, 2020

*Disclaimer: The information set forth above is for informational purposes only. This information is based on reports to the District from other sources which have not been independently verified.*